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SUBJECT: SELECTION OF NEW PRESIDENT MAY BE IMMINENT

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1. THE SELECTION OF A NEW PRESIDENT APPEARS CLOSE AFTER THE NEWLY CREATED COUNCIL OF THE NATION WENT INTO PERMANENT SESSION JULY 9 DECLARING THAT THE SELECTION HAS HIGHEST PRIORITY. THE COUNCIL, COMPOSED OF 20 GENERAL GRADE OFFICERS AND 25 MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE WILL DESIGNATE THE NEW PRESIDENT BY 2/3 VOTE. NEITHER THE DATE OF ASSUMPTION NOR THE TERM OF OFFICE HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE REPORTS THAT THE DESIGNEE WILL BE INAUGURATED AUGUST 25, 1976 (INDEPENDENCE DAY) TO SERVE FOR 5 YEARS. THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DESIGNEE MAY BE MADE AS EARLY AS JULY 18TH WHICH IS CONSTITUTION DAY IN URUGUAY.

2. WHILE NO CANDIDATES HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED, NAMES MENTIONED INCLUDE RETIRED ARMY GENERAL MARIO AGUERRONDO, FONMIN JUAN CARLOS BLANCO, UNESCO REPRESENTATIVE FEDERICO GARCIA CAPURRO, WORLD COURT PRESIDENT EDUARDO JIMENEZ DE ARECHAGA (WHO REPORTEDLY WOULD NOT
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ACCEPT), COUNCIL PRESIDENT APARICIO MENDEZ, MINISTER OF DEFENSE

WALTER RAVENNA, MAYOR OF MONTEVIDEO OSCAR VICTOR RACHETTI, MINISTER OF ECONOMY VEGH VILLEGAS AND ARMY GENERAL EDUARDO ZUBIA.

3. IT IS PROBABLY THAT WHOMEVER IS CHOSEN WILL SHARE THE CONSERVATIVE POLITICAL LEANINGS OF THE MAJORITY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE NATION AND BE AMENABLE TO THE MILITARY HIERARCHY. TODAY THE 73 YEAR OLD MENDEZ SEEMS TO HAVE THE INSIDE TRACK AND THIS SELECTION WOULD BE IN KEEPING WITH THE URUGUAYAN MILITARY'S TRADITION OF PROMOTION AND ASSIGNMENT BY SENIORITY OR LONGEVITY WHENEVER POSSIBLE.
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